

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action dated March 8, 2005. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 1 and 5-8 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action for this Application.

Claim 8 stands objected to for a minor informality. Claim 8 has been amended to address the informality identified by the Examiner.

Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 16, and 17 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 5 and 12-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,850,203. A Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection covering the referenced parent patent has already been submitted and recorded.

Claims 1-4 and 8-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu, et al. With respect to Independent Claim 1, there is recited ". . . an elongate conductive element being coplanar with the conductive section, the elongate conductive element extending generally transversely with respect to said slot portion in the region of said one end thereof, and which can carry an electrical signal." By contrast, the conductive elements 314 and 316 of the Wu, et al. patent as identified by the Examiner are not coplanar with its conductive section 304. With respect to Claims 8-15, the Examiner has failed to show that the Wu, et al. patent performs any method let alone the steps provided by these claims. In fact, the Examiner fails to mention any of the elements of Claims 8-15 or provide any examination for each of these claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-4 and 8-15 are patentably distinct from the Wu, et al. patent.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowability of Claims 5-7 if placed into appropriate independent form.

Claims 5-7 have been amended into independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 5-7 are in condition for allowance.

Other than for the double patenting rejection, Applicant notes with appreciation the apparent allowability of Claims 16 and 17. As noted above, a Terminal Disclaimer covering the referenced parent patent has already been submitted and recorded. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 16 and 17 are in condition for allowance.

With the presentation of three new independent claims, an additional filing fee is due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$600.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. to satisfy the excess independent claims fee of 37 C.F.R. §1.16(b).

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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